

Church Point Report – November 2015

At the recent SIRA CP Working Group meeting, while it was noted that the matter is now scheduled to come before Council on the 7th of December, several questions to be put to Council were raised:

1. When will we be able to have copies of the reports or draft reports on this matter (including the so-called “Demand Management” Report)?
2. Can SIRA get from Council the missing Church Point Reserve Fund P/L reports for 2013-14 and 2014-15?
3. Given recent comments from Council staff that there will be little Council contribution to this project given the Council decision not to sell the two blocks opposite the Pasadena, can we clarify the matter of the amount of the Council contribution from CIP (Capital Improvement Funds) for this project (in the so-called Precinct 1)?
4. Given our current lack of information what are some possible response scenarios?

Since that meeting some answers have been obtained

1. Last Saturday we were informed by the GM that the reports would be available by the end of November (i.e. 7 to 10 days before the Council meeting).
2. The missing P/L reports have now been provided (see attached).

Actions since meeting

1. A letter has been prepared regarding two significant matters of concern (see attached).
2. The spreadsheet with the various fee scenarios has been updated (also attached).

Some possible scenarios are:

1. If the final report recommends a higher than advertised fee, the reasons for this recommendation should be examined (see previous SIRA “Report of Church Point Parking Fees” for details) and if found faulty strongly argued and lobbied against prior to and at the Council meeting
2. If despite the above Council the decision is for a higher than advertised fee (say above \$350) we will need to re-establish a mandate for the current plan through a survey that may also check the degree of community support for examining alternative plans.
3. If the report recommends a fee of \$350 or lower, we should seek the communities views regarding accepting a higher fee in exchange for fewer privately leased spaces
4. If the Demand Management Report does not recommend any exclusive spaces for Church Point Parking Permits (at least in the evenings and overnight) we should mount a further ongoing campaign.